Governor's Commission on Economic Development & Job Creation

1ST MEETING
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUBGROUP

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 27TH, 2010
10:00 AM

THE CAPITOL
HOUSE ROOM ONE
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Subgroup Members Present:	**Subgroup Members Absent:**
Christine Chmura	Delegate Kathy Byron
Helen Dragas	
James Dyke	
Bob Leber	
Frank Longaker	

I.   Call to Order
Bob Leber, Chair, called to order the 1st meeting of the Workforce Development Subgroup at 10:08 AM on Thursday, May 27th, 2010, in the Capitol Building in Richmond, VA.

II.   Roll Call
Michael Hardy, Subgroup Lead Staff called role. A quorum was present.

III.   Introductions
Brief introductions were made by members, staff, and guests.

IV.   Presentations
A presentation was made by Liz Povar, Director of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership on job market trends, growing sectors, and how Virginia can position itself for success.

A second presentation was made by Martin Scaglione, President of Workforce Development for ACT on matching of business needs and skills, college readiness, lack of workforce preparedness in the fastest growing sectors, and the potential of the workforce in Virginia if we can improve workforce development.

A third presentation was given by Mac McGinty, Vice President of the Community College Workforce Alliance for the Virginia Community College System, on the Virginia Career Readiness Certificate program. This program evaluates the essential skills one needs to survive in a specific workplace, assesses an individual's skills, and delivers training where needed.

V.   Lunch
The group broke for a quick lunch from 12:38-12:56 PM.

VI.   Overview of Subgroup Vision Goals
Peter Blake, Lead Agency Expert Staff, gave an overview of goals and some background for each vision goal.

VII.   Open Discussion of Subgroup Vision Goals
Vision goals were discussed. Topics mentioned: Importance of being able to measure the success of each goal; the need to address workforce development in the K-12 levels; the need to address the high school drop-out rate.

VIII.   Assignment of Members with Specific Goals
Members were assigned to each vision goal to perform more research and report back to the group at the next meeting.

IX.   Vote to Accept Subgroup Vision Goals
Subgroup Vision Goals were passed unanimously.

X.   Identification of Key Stakeholders
Possible key stakeholders: Rural Center; Rural Caucus; National Federation of Independent Business; First Cities; Virginia Municipal League; Planning Districts; Department of Business Assistance; Virginia Farm Bureau; Virginia Downtown Development; Department of Housing and Community Development; International Economic Development Council; National Association of Economic Developers; People, Inc.; Virginia Bankers Association; Governor's Association; Economic Development arms of large companies; Appalachian Regulation Commission; Virginia Community College System; Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; etc.

XI.   Next Meeting Date
The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 7th at 1:00 PM at the National College campus in Harrisonburg, VA.

XII.   Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.